OTCnet 1.5 Release Notes

June 2014

CONTENTS

OTCnet 1.5 Release Notes

OTCnet 1.5 Release Overview

OTCnet Release 1.5 focuses on two priority projects: Historical Reports and Straight Through Processing. Additionally in this release, OTCnet will address feedback from agencies related to Check Processing and provide support for two new scanners. The sections below detail the specific system changes that have been implemented to OTCnet Online and OTCnet Offline in Release 1.5.

Archiving and Historical Reports

- OTCnet will begin archiving check transaction data to a historical database to help users search and generate reports more efficiently. Check transaction data with a Received Date older than 18 months will be archived to the historical database starting from June 7, 2014 until August 2014. For a detailed schedule on when batches will be moved to the historical database, please view the OTCnet Batch Archiving Schedule on the OTCnet website here: http://fms.treas.gov/otcnet/OTCnet_Batch_Archiving_Schedule.pdf. After the historical archive process is complete, the Archive process will execute on a regular basis to archive check transaction data with a Received Date older than 18 months, regardless of the status of the batch. Archived check data and associated batches will no longer be searchable through Batch Management and CIRA Query. In order to view this archived data, a new Historical CIRA CSV Report has been introduced to OTCnet Online, which will allow users to search for and view the archived checks. Check images associated to archived checks will continue to be searchable through the current Check Image Report.

- Users who currently have access to the CIRA CSV Report will be able to access the CIRA CSV Historical Report. This includes users with the Agency Manager, Check Capture Administrator, View Reports, MVD Editor, and MVD Viewer roles.

- The new CIRA CSV Historical Report allows users to retrieve up to 31 days of historical data in one report and pull the report in the CSV format similar to the current CIRA CSV Report. In addition, users can access previously generated reports, which are retained for seven days.

- Historical Reports will not be available in OTCnet Offline and will not impact batches scanned to OTCnet Offline that have not been uploaded to OTCnet Online.

Straight Through Processing Impacts

- Straight Through Processing (STP) is an initiative to support the decommissioning of the FRB CA$HLINK system in 2016. STP will improve the efficiency and management of funds sent to the Treasury's General Account (TGA). In support of STP, OTCnet will process non-appropriated funds transactions through check capture separately from regular check transactions using separate Bank Routing Numbers. Non-appropriated funds are transactions that do not settle at the TGA accounts and processed through check capture.

- Only agencies that process non-appropriated funds transactions will see a direct impact to OTCnet from the STP changes.

Check Processing

The Check Processing module will be impacted by the changes implemented with Release 1.5, including changes to the 215 Deposit Ticket and 5515 Debit Voucher Reports, the Close and Approve Batch screens and the Batch List Report.

215 Deposit Ticket Report and 5515 Debit Voucher Report

- The Voucher Date field will be added to both the 215 Deposit Ticket Report and the 5515 Debit Voucher Report. The Voucher Date will be the same as the Settlement Date and what is displayed in CIR.

Close Batch and Approve Batch Screens

- The Close Batch and Approve Batch screens have been updated based on feedback received from agencies. For both confirmation screens, the following updates have been incorporated to better reflect the sequence of events:

    o The **Download** button has been changed to **Export**, and the **Confirm Report Print** button has been changed to **Confirm**.

    o The **Print PDF Report** button has been moved next to the **Confirm** button.

    o The **Confirm** button will now be disabled until the user has selected either the **Export** or **Print PDF Report** button.

    o The note presented to users on both screens has also been updated to reflect the sequence of events required to confirm the batch.

Batch List Report

- The Batch List Report has been rewritten and will be generated under new report software, which will allow the report to populate and print consistently, resolving the issue in which the batch list does not populate or is unable to print.

- The following is a list of updates made to the overall look and feel of the report to better display all information:

    o The Processing Method, OTC Endpoint, and ALC+2 fields have been reallocated on the screen.

    o The Cashier ID field has been added and will be populated for each check item so that agencies will be able to identify the individual that processed the check.

    o The Summary Information has been updated to consolidate the OTC Endpoint and Overall Total tables into one Batch List Summary table. This consolidation will allow users to access transaction information more efficiently and in a format that is easier to read.

Check Capture

The Check Capture module is impacted in Release 1.5 with the introduction of two new check scanners: the RDM EC9000i and the Panini I:Deal. With the introduction of these new check

scanners, the terminal configuration screen has been updated to allow users to configure the new scanners to be used in their terminals.

New Scanners

- OTCnet will support two new scanners in Release 1.5: the RDM EC9000i and the Panini I:Deal. In order to scan checks using either scanner, agencies will have to download the new Firmware version 1.6.0. Please review the updated OTCnet System Requirements document on the OTCnet website for more information regarding the support of these new scanners: http://www.fms.treas.gov/otcnet/OTCnet_SysReq.pdf

Terminal Configuration

- With the introduction of the new scanners in Release 1.5, the RDM EC9000i and the Panini I:Deal options will be added to the terminal configuration screen. These scanner option additions to the screen, along with the addition of the new Firmware version 1.6.0 for download, will allow agencies to configure those new check scanners to their terminals.

- The terminal configuration screen will now display the Panini VisionX scanner option in addition to the Panini MyVisionX scanner option in the Scanner drop-down menu. If agencies download Firmware 1.6.0, they will now be able to configure the Panini VisionX scanner separately from the Panini MyVisionX scanner.

  o When scanning checks for the first time using the Panini VisionX or the Panini MyVisionX scanners after the scanner USB cable has been unplugged and replugged, users may see two error messages. These error messages can be acknowledged by pressing **OK** on the error message dialog box before resuming scanning without further interruptions. These messages only display when selecting the **Start Scan** button for the first time after the scanner has been unplugged, and only when using Firmware 1.6.0.